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## **BYSIEWICZ: TODAY IS THE DEADLINE FOR PETITIONING CANDIDATES TO TURN IN SIGNATURES TO SECURE LINE ON NOVEMBER BALLOT**

NADER CAMPAIGN TURNS IN SIGNATURES; REGISTRARS HAVE UNTIL AUGUST  
19<sup>TH</sup> TO VERIFY

**Hartford:** Secretary of the State Susan Bysiewicz is reporting that today August 6, 2008, Ralph Nader became the first minor party presidential candidate in this year's election to submit nominating petitions to the Office of the Secretary of the State. The Office of the Secretary of State will now forward the petitions local registrars of voters so that they can be verify the signatures are those of registered voters living in Connecticut. In order to secure a line on this year's presidential ballot candidates must submit 7,500 valid signatures.

"Today is the deadline for any petitioning candidates wishing to get on the ballot in November to turn in their signed nominating petitions, said Bysiewicz. "Local officials have until August 19<sup>th</sup> to verify the petitions have been signed by registered voters. Anyone who turns in the required number of signatures will be on the ballot in November."

Petitioning candidates seeking offices other than president this November must submit petitions with signatures equal to at least 1% of the votes cast for that office in the preceding election.

Connecticut voters will have an opportunity next week to head to the polls and cast ballots in the state's primary elections. Residents have until August 11<sup>th</sup> at noon to register for the primaries in person at their town offices. Registration forms sent by mail must be postmarked no later than tomorrow, August 7<sup>th</sup>, in order to be processed in time for the primaries. In addition, registration forms delivered to town offices by anyone other than the voter must be turned in no later than August 7<sup>th</sup> in order to be eligible to vote in the primaries.

"We are just days away from some very important and exciting primaries," said Bysiewicz. "I strongly urge voters to go to the polls Tuesday August 12<sup>th</sup> to choose what candidates will be on the ballot this fall. There is still time to register to vote. You can obtain a voter registration card by visiting my website [www.sots.ct.com](http://www.sots.ct.com) or by going to your local town hall."

Democratic voters in the 4<sup>th</sup> Congressional District may choose between Jim Himes and Lee Whitnum, with the winner facing incumbent Republican Christopher Shays in November. Meanwhile, Democrats are also choosing candidates in primaries for 3 State Senate districts, 12 State House districts and Registrars of Voters in Hartford, Old Saybrook, Old Lyme and West Haven.

Republicans in the 11 towns State Senate District #8 go to the polls to choose between candidates Kevin Witkos and Moira Wertheimer, who are running to replace retiring Republican State Senator Thomas Herlihy. The winner of that primary faces Democrat Arthur House in November. Republican voters are also choosing candidates in 9<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, and 74<sup>th</sup> State House Districts and also must select candidates for Registrar of Voters in Hartford, New Britain, and Windham.

Polls will be open on Tuesday August 12<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. This will be the third state election in Connecticut using the new optical scan ballot machines.

## Primary List 2008

| <u>District</u>          | <u>Party</u> | <u>Candidates</u>      | <u>Towns</u>  |
|--------------------------|--------------|------------------------|---|
| <b>Congress</b>          |              |                        |   |
| Congressional District 4 | Democratic   | Jim Himes, Lee Whitnum | Bridgeport, Darien, Easton, Fairfield, Greenwich, Monroe, New Canaan, Norwalk, Oxford, Redding, Ridgefield, Shelton, Stamford, Trumbull, Weston, Westport, Wilton |
|                          |              |                        |   |
| <b>State Senate</b>      |              |                        |   |

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|--------------------------|------------|---|---|
| State Senate District 1  | Democratic | John W. Fonfara,<br>Ed Vargas                                     | Hartford, Wethersfield  |
|                          |            |   |   |
| State Senate District 8  | Republican | Moira Wertheimer, Kevin<br>D. Witkos                              | Avon, Barkhamsted,<br>Canton, Colebrook,<br>Granby, Hartland,<br>Harwinton, New<br>Hartford, Norfolk,<br>Simsbury, Torrington |
|                          |            |   |   |
| State Senate District 22 | Democratic | Marilyn Moore, Anthony J.<br>Musto                                | Bridgeport, Monroe,<br>Trumbull   |
|                          |            |   |   |
| State Senate District 24 | Democratic | Duane E. Perkins,<br>Terry L. Tierney                             | Bethel, Danbury, New<br>Fairfield, Sherman  |
|                          |            |   |   |
| <b>State House</b>       |            |   |   |
| State House District 5   | Democratic | Abraham Giles, Marie<br>Lopez Kirkley-Bey                         | Hartford  |
|                          |            |   |   |
| State House District 6   | Democratic | Carmen I. Sierra,<br>Hector Luis Robles                           | Hartford  |
|                          |            |   |   |
| State House District 9   | Democratic | Joseph S. Hachey, Jason<br>Rojas                                  | East Hartford,<br>Glastonbury, Manchester   |
|                          |            |   |   |
| State House District 9   | Republican | Michael W Crockett, Dennis<br>A. Brenner, Clifton E .<br>Thompson | East Hartford,<br>Glastonbury, Manchester   |
|                          |            |   |   |
| State House District 17  | Republican | Timothy LeGeyt,<br>Tom Harrison                                   | Avon, Canton  |
|                          |            |   |   |
| State House District 49  | Democratic | Thomas W. White,<br>Susan Johnson                                 | Windham   |
|                          |            |   |   |
| State House District 74  | Republican | Selim G. Noujaim,<br>Jason A. Carlascio                           | Waterbury   |
|                          |            |   |   |
| State House District 80  | Democratic | Corky Mazurek,<br>Karen A. Houghtaling                            | Southington, Wolcott  |
|                          |            |   |   |
| State House District 94  | Democratic | Charles A. Blango,<br>Gary A. Winfield                            | New Haven   |
|                          |            |   |   |
| State House District 101 | Democratic | Deborah Heinrich,<br>Gina Russell Tracy                           | Guilford, Madison   |
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| State House District 121 | Democratic | Terry Backer, Michael<br>Singh                                    | Stratford   |

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| State House District 126   | Democratic | Carlos Silva, Christopher L. Caruso                                | Bridgeport   |
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| State House District 128   | Democratic | Lydia N. Martinez, Andres Ayala Jr.                                | Bridgeport   |
|                            |            |  |              |
| State House District 129   | Democratic | Robert T. Keeley, Auden C. Grogins                                 | Bridgeport   |
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| State House District 130   | Democratic | Slyvester L. Salcedo, Jose A. "Chico" Rivera Jr., Ezequiel Satiago | Bridgeport   |
|                            |            |  |              |
| <b>Registrar of Voters</b> |            |  |              |
| ROV- City of Hartford      | Democratic | Olga Iris Vazquez, Shirley A. Surgeon                              | Hartford     |
|                            |            |  |              |
| ROV- City of Hartford      | Republican | Salvatore A. Bramante, Kevin R. Brookman                           | Hartford     |
|                            |            |  |              |
| ROV- City of New Britain   | Republican | Peter J. Gostin, Dorothy R. Turnrose                               | New Britain  |
|                            |            |  |              |
| ROV- Town of Old Lyme      | Democratic | Mary J. Stone, Patricia M. McCarthy                                | Old Lyme     |
|                            |            |  |              |
| ROV- Old Saybrook          | Democratic | Carol A. Conklin, Elizabeth D. Steffen                             | Old Saybrook |
|                            |            |  |              |
| ROV- City of West Haven    | Democratic | Charles A. Marino, Michelle P. Hufeut                              | West Haven   |
|                            |            |  |              |
| ROV- Town of Windham       | Republican | Joan Goetschius, Doug Rapp   | Windham      |